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Israeli poll deals blow to peace

Netanyahu poised to take over as prime minister

Derek Brown in Jerusalem and Martin Walker in Washington

BINYAMIN Netanyahu, a man dismissed as a lightweight for much of his short political career, looked last night on the verge of staging the biggest political upset in Israel's 48-year history by snatching the prime ministership from the veteran statesman and Nobel peace laureate Shimon Peres.

The results flowing from Wednesday's national vote have profound implications for the Middle East peace process, and for Israel's fragile land-for-peace deal with the Palestinians, bitterly criticised by Mr Netanyahu.

In an Israel Radio interview broadcast yesterday, the 46-year-old front runner said, in effect, that he would freeze the peace accords. The Palestinians would be offered only limited autonomy in a strip of land between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Mr Netanyahu, who has trimmed his earlier vow never to meet Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation and Palestinian president, said he could not ignore facts. But he made it clear that while he was in power, the PLO would never achieve its dream of an independent state.

"I would offer the Palestinians an opportunity to run just about every aspect of their daily lives, with the exception of security and foreign affairs. That will remain in our hands," he said.

He also insisted that Israel would remain on the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in 1967. Damascus has said that Israel must give back the territory, if there is to be any hope of peace.

In Washington, President Clinton backtracked fast from his earlier support for Mr Peres, to reach out to his likely replacement. Insisting that US policy towards Israel "will remain the same", he said: "The first big leg of the whole process of peace in the Middle East was completed by one of Mr Netanyahu's Likud predecessors. I was quite in-

What they say

"The public climate that enabled Yigal Amir to gun down Yitzhak Rabin was fostered by Binyamin Netanyahu and his cronies." — Commentator Ze'ev Chafets, of the magazine Jerusalem Report.

"All I can do is look at where I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing from here very quickly." — Leah Rabin, Rabin's widow.

"Compared to any politician in Israel, he is head and shoulders above them in world view." — David Bar-Ilan, editor, Jerusalem Post.

the assassination of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish zealot in Tel Aviv on November 4. But a group of demonstrators stood at the assassination site yesterday with a poignant placard that read: "The murderer won".

Israel's 4 million voters, having defied all the forecasts in the prime ministerial poll, have also shaken the political establishment to the core in the parallel vote for the Knesset (parliament). Pointedly spurning Mr Peres's Labour Party and Mr Netanyahu's Likud alliance, they have flocked to the centre, and to Jewish religious parties.

According to current projections, in the new Knesset Labour will have 33 to 37 members out of 120, down from 44. Likud will fare worse, falling from 40 to a projected 31 seats, or fractionally over a quarter of the total. And 10 of those will be members of Likud's allied parties, Tzomet and Gesher.

Three Jewish orthodox groups are among the parties which are to nurture what is seen as its most important strategic achievement, the emergent regional grouping of Israel, Jordan and Turkey.

With all the main voting papers counted on the ballot for prime minister, Mr Netanyahu was leading by seventenths of 1 per cent, or slightly more than 31,000 votes.

But another 150,000 so-called absentee votes remain to be counted today. Cast by serving soldiers, seamen and diplomats, they are considered certain to tip the balance further towards Mr Netanyahu.

Today's count, which may have to be continued on Sunday, after the Jewish secularists may bring a dramatic reversal of fortune. But that, in the words of one political analyst, would involve "a miracle of biblical proportions".

Already it is clear that Mr Peres came as close as he did only because of the overwhelming support of Israel's 400,000 Arab voters. Jewish voters, disillusioned with the peace accords and fearful for their security, chose Mr Netanyahu.

There was little evidence of the wave of emotion for peace that swept the country after

'Anorexic' models cost Vogue ads



Trish Goff, the American model who appears in one of the features Mr Rees complained about in the June edition of Vogue (below)

Company says 'distasteful' pictures could help push girls into eating disorders

Sarah Boseley

OMEGA, the up-market watch manufacturers, struck a blow against famine-thin models and junkie chic yesterday by withdrawing its advertising from the magazine Vogue, complaining that the "skeletal appearance" of women in its fashion pages might help push girls into anorexia.

"I thought it was irresponsible for a leading magazine which should be setting an example to select models of anorexic proportions," said Giles Rees, brand manager, who said he was appalled by what he termed the "extremely distasteful" pictures of thin scantily-clad women.

"It made every effort to accentuate their skeletal appearance. Since Vogue presumably targets an audience which includes young and impressionable females, its creators must surely be aware that they will inevitably be influenced by what laughably passes for fashion in these pages."

Mr Rees was offended by two fashion features in the June edition of the magazine. A picture on the contents page, captioned "Bay Watch", showed the skinny American model Trish Goff in shorts with a towel draped around her neck, trailing a picture feature illustrating sports wear. The other feature, called "Bond Aid", featured Annie Morton in the skimpy, thrown-together, post-Train-spotting junkie look.

Vogue immediately hit back, accusing Omega of picking a fight through the media without coming to it first, although Mr Rees said he had sent letters detailing his feelings to Vogue and the trade press. He sent copies to the Eating Disorders Association, "just to let them know someone is on their side".

Alexandra Shulman, Vogue editor, said in a statement that "young women who tend towards anorexia do not get it from magazines, but from feelings of loss of self-worth that are instilled in them long before they are looking at Vogue. To them there is little



Austin

difference between Cindy Crawford and Trish Goff. They are all just thin."

Stephen Quinn, the publisher, said the magazine was careful to seek assurances from agencies on the health of the models it featured.

Mr Rees refuted suggestions that he was picking a fight for publicity purposes. "It is very much a personal thing," he said. He had opened the magazine and been shocked at what he saw, although he accepted similar images were used in other magazines. "I just thought, I'm going to take a stand," he said. Nicolas Hayek, chairman of Omega in Switzerland, backed him.

Nobody in his family had suffered from eating disorders, said Mr Rees, who has a six-month-old boy, "but my wife was at an all-girls boarding school in Surrey where a girl starved herself to death."

The director of the Eating Disorders Association, Joanna Vincent, welcomed Omega's move. "I would say that while these sort of media images do not actually cause eating disorders, they contribute to the problem people have in recovering from anorexia or bulimia," she said.

"They also make other women feel pretty bad about their own self-image. We hope other commercial companies and advertisers will adopt a more responsible attitude with the fashion models they use."

'The thinness of the models is not new or dramatic, but its effect is shocking all the same'

Commentary

Susie Orbach

WOW. Such are dreams made of. Omega cancels its ads in Vogue as a protest against the use of skeletal models in the June edition.

Twenty-six years ago a group of women concerned about how the uniformly skinny physical representation of females in advertisements and fashion magazines found its way into the consciousness of young girls and women had the glimmer of an idea (now taken for granted) that there was a relationship between eating problems and the image of womanhood portrayed on billboards and in magazines.

Each year as the mannequins got thinner, young women struggled to find a way to mimic those images by transforming their own bodies.

The group of concerned women dreamed of boy-



space in the world, when women attempted to be seen as more than (sexual) objects.

The campaigners were ineffectual. Bulimia, compulsive eating, anorexia entered the vocabulary. We learnt what torture such experiences were. Responsible citizens shook their heads and felt helpless about the pull of the thin imagery on their daughters.

The surprise on looking at the June Vogue is how familiar it all is. The thinness is not new or dramatic but shocking all the same.

It is the pictures of prepubescent bodies dressed up to look like sexually available women that magnetise us. The pictures combine vulnerability with an aggressive edge. They invite, magnetise and bewilder all at the same time.

But Omega has withdrawn and hopefully this will set a trend.

The work of countless women and men who have campaigned against the destructive power of such images of women could receive no greater reward than to have a younger generation see pictures of beautiful women in all shapes and sizes representing the full glory of femininity.

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Netanyahu by a whisker...



...with 98% of the votes counted. Final results will be known later today when some 150,000 absentee ballots, mainly won by soldiers, are counted.

Peres Labour Party
49.6%

Netanyahu Likud Party
50.3%

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Keeping terror off the roads



Sarah Boseley

MY DRIVING test was the most terrifying experience — no, tall the three most terrifying experiences of my life.

The second was the most memorable. Rigid with fright, I had steered my way tolerably well around the roundabouts of Farnborough in Hampshire in the family's ancient but beloved Standard 10.

So when asked to sit the new driving theory test, my immediate and overwhelming reaction was "No — please no." It made me the perfect candidate. The Driving Standards Agency has been getting 3.5 million call attempts a week (unsurprisingly, not all of them get through) from learners desperate to take the test before July 1.

Two investigators came in — Maureen, the part-time psychology lecturer, and Ted, the retired accountant — perfectly nice people any other

time. We were told to read the regulations. No mobile telephones to be used, no smoking, no talking and bags on the floor, by order.

"If you do not understand, will you please raise your hand and I will come over and explain," said Maureen. We had 40 minutes to answer 35 multiple choice questions, and would be told time was running out five minutes before the end.

There were the topical numbers. A driver pulls out of a side road in front of you. You have to brake hard. You should: a) ignore the error and stay calm, b) flash your lights to show your annoyance, c) sound your horn to show your annoyance, d) overtake as soon as possible.

And there were the ones I got wrong. You are on a good dry road surface and in a vehicle with good brakes and tyres. What is the shortest overall stopping distance at 40mph? a) 23 metres (75 feet), b) 36 metres (118 feet), c) 53 metres (175 feet), d) 36 metres (120 feet).

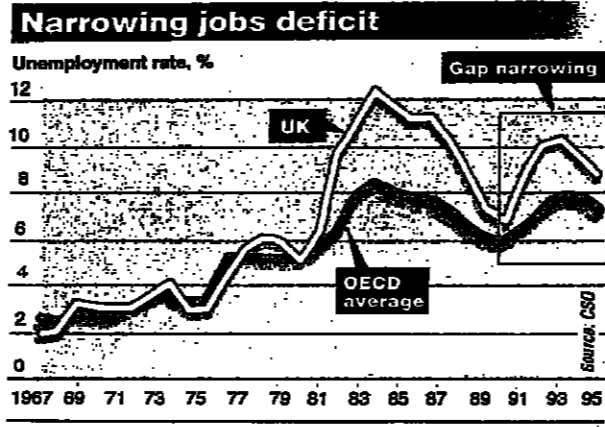
It took none of us more than 20 minutes to finish. "That was terrible, terrible," groaned Peter Woodman, Transport Correspondent of the Press Association afterwards, clutching his forehead. "I must have failed."

Each of the around 20 candidates at any "real" session will sit a different paper. So there is no harm in revealing that the correct answers to the above are a, a and d.

Britain's economic outlook could hardly be any brighter, says OECD

Larry Elliott Economics Editor

THE Government's record on job creation received the strongest backing of the West's leading economic think tank last night in an upbeat report predicting low inflation, robust growth and falling unemployment in the years ahead.



strongly in the second half of this year and grow by 2.8 per cent in 1997. It added that the benign inflation outlook would give the authorities scope to cut interest rates if the current downturn proves more prolonged than anticipated.

upon by the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, as a vindication of the Government's handling of the economy.

Mr Clarke said: "This is another highly complimentary OECD report on the UK economy. It confirms the success of the Government's policies on a broad front, which have placed the UK at the top of Europe's premier league."

In a letter to the Chancellor, Mr Brown said: "Just as happened last year, it would appear that growth will be lower than you forecast. Under these circumstances, will you either justify your

own forecast, or accept the OECD's forecast and spell out the implications for our public finances."

The TUC also pointed out that the OECD's admission that the market-based approach to job creation had led to a "marked widening in income inequality, some growth of temporary jobs, a perception of less job security, and a growing polarisation between 'work rich' and 'work poor' families."

"To the extent that higher joblessness has contributed to these trends, enhanced job creation will alleviate these problems, but other policies may be required to assist those adversely affected."

The Treasury is set to reduce its own expectations of growth in its half-yearly summer forecasts due in early July, but stressed that the OECD report had been posi-

tive about Britain's outlook. Since the second world war, Britain has had a trend rate of growth of 2.5 per cent a year, but the OECD said there was scope for a higher rate of expansion without higher inflation over the next few years.

The think tank, which includes 27 of the West's leading developed economies, warns that the longer-term outlook will depend on "investment necessary to boost supply potential".

In addition, its praise for the deregulated British labour markets is tempered by its conclusion that educational attainments for 16 to 19-year-olds "still lag behind those in the UK's main competitors, and this gap needs to be closed".

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War is finally over for German sub sunk 51 years ago



A German U-boat sunk in May 1945 has arrived at its new permanent home at Birkenhead docks on the Mersey. An RAF bomber sank the U534 in Danish waters. Some believe it was bound for South America to help Nazis escape to Argentina. The boat, salvaged three years ago, was acquired by the Warship Preservation Trust

First night

Bowled over by broken dreams

Lyn Gardner

The No Boys Cricket Club Theatre Royal, Stratford East

FOEDIPUS had not flown into a rage and killed Laius at the place where three roads met, how differently things would have turned out for him. If Juliet had awakened just a few minutes earlier, there might have been a happy ending for her and Romeo. And if 15-year-old Abigail Sandford, demon batsman, had taken her place in the no boys cricket team and won the match that sunny Jamaican day almost 40 years ago, how different her life might have been.

Would she still have been abandoned by her father, married a man she didn't love and ended up in a poky house on a dreary English council estate unable to cope with her crack-dealing son and bolshie gang-fighting teenage daughter? Or would she have gone to university, become a nurse and conquered the world?

Wishing, suggests her childhood friend Maisie, is powerful. It helps you go places. "You know what your problem is? You've stopped wishing in a big way," she tells Abi 40 years later as she sets about trying to rectify the situation.

In Roy Williams' play the now elderly Abi and Maisie certainly get to go places; back in time to confront their younger selves, learning along the way that while you cannot change history or mend your broken dreams coming to terms with your past can help you face an uncertain future.

Maisie makes the decision

to stay in Jamaica like a Caribbean Shirley Valentine returning to her roots. Abi goes back to Britain but not to drift listlessly into old age, rather fighting all the way.

Simplicity? Perhaps, but played on Rosa Maggiora's ingenious, split-level set in which Abi's funny Jamaican girlhood hovers like a mirage over her current dead-end existence, Williams' drama seems to embody the aspirations and frustrations of a generation who, with such high hopes, left the West Indies in the 50s and 60s in search of a new life in Britain.

The young Abi's life in Jamaica is by no means uncomplicated or trouble-free but she and her young friends in the cricket team have such joie de vivre and are so cheerfully optimistic that they will be able to bowl the world out that it is infinitely touching given that we know what lies in store for them.

Deftly constructed, if somewhat unevenly written, the play is, above all, ideal for the Theatre Royal — accessible, involving, sentimental, directly relating to local people's lives and experiences and a play that boasts a great big heart.

On the first night, when Abi announced that she had flushed her son's crack haul down the lavatory, the audience roared its approval.

When an audience member helpfully suggested that Abi might like to stab the offending son with her knitting needle the theatre erupted. You don't get that level of involvement at the Royal National Theatre, or most other theatres in the country for that matter.

Road deaths at record low despite increase in traffic

ROAD deaths last year were the lowest since records began 70 years ago, according to government figures released yesterday. A total of 3,821 people were killed compared with 3,650 in 1994, the previous record low.

by 2 per cent, the overall casualty rate fell 3 per cent.

Car-user casualties were down one per cent to 193,992. Car-user deaths totalled 1,749 — similar to 1994.

Child casualties fell 3 per cent to 43,788, including 270 deaths and 6,983 serious injuries.

Pedestrian casualties fell by 3 per cent to 47,025. Deaths fell 8 per cent to 1,038.

New law to compensate customers for water cuts

Chris Barrie Business Correspondent

A LAW to force water companies to compensate customers for cuts in supply was promised by the Government yesterday as an official watchdog released damning reports into the industry's performance on leaks.

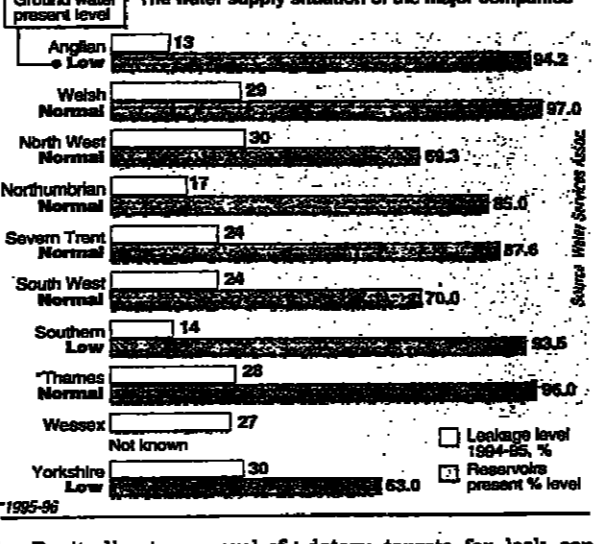
With the prospect of another dry summer looming and hosepipe bans already affecting more than 1.7 million people, John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, pledged to change the law as soon as possible to force water companies to pay £10 a day to households without water because of drought orders. The maximum payment would equal an average annual bill.

At present the industry pays compensation for unexpected cuts in supply but it is not obliged to pay during droughts. The new measures, including £50 a day payments for businesses, would force them to do so unless there were exceptional circumstances.

The moves follow outrage last summer when Yorkshire Water was forced to erect standpipes and reservoirs almost ran dry in Wales.

Mr Gummer was responding to recommendations from

Supply and demand



Ian Byatt, director general of water services, that existing compensation schemes needed to be widened. Mr Byatt said consumers should also be compensated with £25 when supplies were affected by low pressure, as was the case last summer.

He also issued damning reports into the industry's inability to staunch leaks. Warning that he would penalise companies by cutting their prices and setting man-

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Tom Clarke MP

AN ARTICLE in the Guardian on April 8, 1996 reported that the Conservative Party, as part of a "propaganda move", circulated a dossier to American journalists which contained an allegation that Tom Clarke,

Labour MP for Monklands West and shadow minister for disabled people, was "anti-American", having attacked the short-lived Supper Club which allegedly opposed British entry into the war against Iraq in the Gulf in 1990.

The Guardian acknowledges that these allegations concerning Mr Clarke are unfounded, and is happy to take this opportunity to set the record straight and to apologise to Mr Clarke for any distress and embarrassment caused.

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Kiranjit Ahluwalia's case widened the defence of provocation



Emma Humphreys: freed last year after her case softened law



Sara Thornton with her daughter Luise after yesterday's verdict. "I am too tired to feel a sense of victory and there has been too much pain," she said

Manslaughter verdict frees Thornton

Retrial judge rules sentence already served after finding that personality disorder drove woman to kill husband

Vivak Chaudhary and John Mullin

SARA Thornton, who was convicted six years ago of murdering her violent alcoholic husband, walked free yesterday after being found guilty of manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

A jury of eight men and four women took almost eight hours to reach their verdict after the retrial ordered by the Court of Appeal last year.

Ms Thornton, aged 41, who denied murdering her husband, Malcolm, at their home in Atherstone, Warwickshire, in 1989 bowed and whispered thank you to the jury as the verdict was announced at Oxford crown court.

Later, both Ms Thornton and the Justice for Women group, which has been campaigning on her behalf, hailed the verdict as a victory for battered women despite the fact that the judge, Mr Justice Scott Baker, ruled that it was Ms Thornton's personality disorder that led her to kill and not provocation.

Ms Thornton said at a press conference after the trial: "I am hardly surprised. The judge is a judge and I have had seven years of this. At the end of the day I don't know how the jury found for manslaughter, whether it was provocation or diminished responsibility."

Julie Hindle, of the Justice for Women campaign, said: "I don't think you can assume that the jury didn't look very closely at provocation. Provocation was an accepted part of our case, there is no doubt about that. It was accepted in open court that Malcolm was violent and Sara was a victim of that."

"As far as we are concerned it's still a major victory." Earlier, Mr Justice Scott Baker told Ms Thornton that he was sentencing her to five and a half years imprisonment "on the basis that your responsibility for killing your husband was diminished by your abnormality of mind."

He added: "I take into account the difficulties you had living with an alcoholic husband but nevertheless you take considerable responsibility for taking his life." The judge told Ms Thornton she would not have to return to prison as she had served five and a half years after being convicted of murder at her first trial in 1990.

The two-week retrial heard that Malcolm Thornton, aged 43, a former police inspector, was a violent alcoholic and that his wife endured months of physical and mental abuse.

He was stabbed to death as he lay in a drunken stupor on the living room sofa moments after Sara Thornton had returned from a pub. The couple, married for 10 months, had been rowing and fighting in the days leading up to the killing.

Days before the killing she had told a friend that the only way to sort out her problems with Malcolm was "to kill him".

On the day, she telephoned the same friend and said: "I'm going to have to do what I said I was going to do." On a mirror in her bedroom she had scrawled in lipstick: "Bastard Thornton. I hate you."

The retrial hearing was told that before meeting her husband in a pub in Atherstone, Ms Thornton had spent time in a mental hospital and had also tried to commit suicide.

Four psychiatrists giving evidence all agreed that Ms Thornton suffered from a personality disorder, which amounted to an abnormality of mind.

Michael Mansfield, QC, defending, claimed that Ms Thornton had tried her best to rehabilitate her husband but finally snapped and was not in full control of her actions on the night she stabbed him to death.

After the trial, Ms Thornton, accompanied by her daughter Luise from another marriage, said she planned to write a book about her life.

She added: "I am too tired to feel a sense of victory and there has been too much pain and at the end of the day Malcolm died."

"I would have felt a greater sense of victory if someone had taken all the money for the court hearings and then ... allowed Malcolm the treatment that he needed and he could have continued to be the beautiful man he had the capability to be."

She said that his family must be feeling great pain and that her sentence was fair for taking a life.

Ms Thornton said she was wearing a lapis stone on her forehead, which she first wore in prison, because "I have a right to be who I am, to accept responsibility for who I am ... and not to seek approval and love from others." The family of Malcolm Thornton, who sat in court throughout the trial, expressed dismay at the verdict but claimed that it cleared him of being a violent drunk.

Jean Murray, his eldest sister, said: "It's not been proved that Malcolm was brutal, just that she [Sara] has got a mental problem. We just wanted to clear Malcolm's name and that's what we have done."

How the law changed its attitude to battering

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

THE LAW has softened its treatment of battered wives who kill since Sara Thornton was first tried for the murder of her husband.

"Battered woman syndrome", a defence developed

in the United States, had not yet gained a foothold in the British courts.

At her second trial, Ms Thornton's lawyers put forward two defences, either of which, if successful, reduces murder to manslaughter.

Either she was suffering from diminished responsibility or she had been provoked.

The case highlighted the artificiality of the law in dealing with killings of violent husbands by brutalised wives. Research shows that it is often a lottery whether the defendant is convicted of murder, which carries a mandatory life sentence, or manslaughter, where the judge

can sentence according to the circumstances.

For lawyers, running alternative defences of diminished responsibility and provocation means arguing at the same time that their client was a reasonable person, and that she was mentally abnormal.

Ms Thornton won a retrial after two landmark cases — those of Kiranjit Ahluwalia and Emma Humphreys — widened the defence of provocation.

In Ms Ahluwalia's case in 1992, the Appeal Court removed the rule that the killing must be an immediate response to the provocation. The court held that a killer who

acted not in sudden anger but after a slow boiling up could also invoke the defence.

The Ahluwalia case also opened the way for women to argue that they suffered from battered woman syndrome — a form of post-traumatic stress disorder.

The Humphreys appeal in 1995 removed the assumption that only the "last straw" could count as provocation, and allowed the courts to add up cumulative provocative acts by the killer in deciding whether a reasonable person would have reacted as the defendant did.

A further softening of the law, in Ms Thornton's own appeal, allowed juries to ask

whether not just a hypothetical reasonable person, but one with the defendant's own special characteristics, would have acted in such a way.

At Ms Thornton's original trial, her lawyers put forward a defence of diminished responsibility. Provocation was not argued.

But even with the widening of the law, it was hard to see how she could invoke the defence.

Ms Thornton's solicitor, Gareth Peirce, pointed out that yesterday's result could have been reached at the first trial if the automatic life penalty was abolished and juries left free to sentence according to circumstances.

Bright promise in the police, a lucrative job in the Middle East, then drink and despair

John Mullin and Vivak Chaudhary

MALCOLM Thornton began his career in the police after being awarded the book a prize as the best police cadet in Blackpool. Henry Brooke, the then home secretary, presented the award.

He rose quickly through the ranks of the Met, becoming one of the country's youngest inspectors.

But he day after he secured convictions in a drugs trial, he was run over by one of the gang's associates, and suffered two broken legs. He had a long convalescence, then took on a pub, the Load of Hay in Staines, with his first wife, Moyra Friend. That is where his heavy drinking started.

They had two sons, Martin and Stuart. But the marriage ended after 17 years, and he went to Saudi Arabia as head of security for Aramco, a US oil company. He was there for nine years, and was paid about £5,000 a month, much of which was invested in property in Britain and Spain.

He married a nurse there, who was 12 years younger, and they came back to Britain. That marriage ended after two years.

He became head of security at TNT, the delivery company, in Atherstone, and it was then he met Sara, helping her find a job in tele-sales, which she was later to lose because of her drinking. Alcohol played an important part in their relationship.

Mr Thornton's sisters, Jean Murray, aged 61, and Gladys Suthers, aged 51, have always protested that their brother was anything but a wife-beating drunk. It was Sara, they claimed, who drove him to drink and despair.

Martin Thornton, his son from his first marriage, who gave evidence during the retrial, got on well with his stepmother, and liked to play



Malcolm Thornton ... rose quickly through the ranks

big brother to Luise, her daughter by her first marriage. They had spent the previous Christmas together, and there was a happy atmosphere, he recalled.

The night he died, Mr Thornton had told his son he had been to Leicester to see a lawyer about divorce.

Martin Thornton had gone to the pub with his stepmother the night she killed his father. She seemed in good spirits, enjoying gin and tonic. He left her there chatting with some men about TNT, and headed home. He looked in on his father and saw him, drunk, asleep on the couch.

Ms Thornton returned to the modern three-bedroom house about 45 minutes later. She had argued with the taxi-driver, and thrown his fare at him.

Martin rushed downstairs when he heard the scream. His stepmother was walking towards him in her night-clothes, calmly saying: "Martin, I've just stabbed your father." She went into the kitchen and the emergency services, and then she loaded the washing machine.

When the ambulance crew and police arrived a couple of minutes later, she asked them if they wanted anything to eat. Mr Thornton, the knife wound so deep it went right through to his back, died six hours later.

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The progression of moves in the game — holding, embracing, kissing and caressing — would stop short of penetration. This caressing without the act would join souls but left the seed unspilled and did not wither the brain cells (an Aristotelian idea that still lingers, especially among football players).
Adrienne Blue

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Erlend Clouston at the Dunblane inquiry hears relatives give their view of the murderer, while a detective describes the shootings

Two sides of child killer Hamilton

Inquiry hears of son's devotion to his mother

THE Cullen inquiry into the Dunblane massacre was told yesterday of the two sides of the gunman Thomas Hamilton.

His mother, Agnes Watt, aged 64, spent 35 minutes in the witness box outlining a model relationship with a loving son who would telephone her every night and periodically present her with £50 gifts.

In contrast, the detective in charge of the police investigation revealed how the 43-year-old part-time youth worker shot his infant victims at close range as they lay on their gym floor.

A possible factor behind Hamilton's act was suggested with the disclosure that his string of boys' clubs was running a £15,000 deficit, and he had a personal debt of £11,000.

Mrs Watt told the second day of the inquiry that her son had made no complaints about debts or hinted at his private life when he visited her the afternoon before the killings.

Despite a dislocated domestic background, which saw Hamilton adopted by the same couple who had adopted his mother, he was a caring son who visited twice a week, sometimes handing over part of the profits from his small-scale camera business.

Earlier in the day, however the headmaster, Ron Taylor, told the inquiry that he had warned parents against enrolling their children in Hamilton's sports clubs after he became uneasy at reports of "inappropriate clothing and photography".

Mr Taylor revealed that 18 months before the killings on March 13, Hamilton had once challenged him at the school about his deteriorating reputation. "He complained that members of staff had directed children away from his boys' clubs, and would I disabuse them of the idea that he was a pervert," Mr Taylor said. He had given a "neutral" reply.

The details of Hamilton's killing of Dunblane's primary one pupils emerged from the morning evidence of Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg. Up to then, the tribunal had skirted round the particulars of Hamilton's four-minute rampage through the school gym.

However, questioned by Iain Bonomy QC, the policeman agreed that Hamilton had stood over a group of pupils who had been either disabled or thrown down, and shot them "from a distance which must have been above the height of his hand above the children".

In his evidence, Mr Taylor, aged 46, explained how he had initially assumed that builders were responsible for the "indistinct bangs" that interrupted a telephone call he was

making from his office. He only discovered his mistake when the deputy headteacher, Agnes Awison, crawled through the door and shouted that there was a man with a gun in the school. The headmaster ran down to the gym where he saw a scene of "unimaginable carnage".

"The air seemed to be thick with bluish smoke, and the smell of cordite was quite strong," Mr Taylor said. He noticed Hamilton moving at the far end of the gym where he had just shot himself. The head asked the newly-arrived janitor to kick away the pistol still clutched in Hamilton's left hand.

The gunman's mother told the inquiry how she had married Thomas Watt, a bus driver, in 1960, but the marriage broke up soon after their son Thomas was born in 1952. She moved back in with John and Kathleen Hamilton who had adopted her shortly after her own illegitimate birth.

According to the written statement of Mr Hamilton senior, a widower, a condition of the divorce was that baby Thomas was adopted by the Hamiltons. Thomas was a teenager before it was explained that Agnes was his mother and not his sister.

It has been speculated that Hamilton's family background laid the foundations for an estrangement from society which finally induced him to attack the school.

An alternative cause was suggested in the testimony of chief inspector Paul Hughes. A trawl through Hamilton's finances had found that they were "worse than bad", with his only official asset \$9 in a Clydesdale Bank account.

Because of council tax debt, a sheriff's warrant had been issued and he faced the prospect of having possessions and money seized. His debts of £11,000 included £737 on a Debenhams account and £1,300 on the Barclaycard he had used to buy guns, meals and rail travel.

Mr Hughes said that Hamilton, who had been a draughtsman and then ran his own woodworking shop before turning to camera dealing, had said a house for £20,000 in the 1980s and received £24,600 from the insurance of a boat destroyed by fire. Despite this, he was having difficulties with tax and national insurance. After a neighbour reported his camera business to the authorities, his income support was stopped.

Mr Hughes said that according to Hamilton's accounts, his chain of boys' clubs had suffered substantial losses "which, if the accounts are accurate, amounts to £15,907".

Mrs Watt said she knew nothing about her son's sports clubs, but had been



Ron Taylor, the school head, had warned people against enrolling their children in Hamilton's sports clubs



Lord Cullen arrives at the inquiry he is heading into the March 13 killings of 16 children and one teacher



Thomas Hamilton: his string of boys' clubs was running £15,000 deficit and he had personal debts of £11,000

aware of his interest in guns. "I saw them once in his home," she said.

Mr Hamilton senior, a retired heating engineer who had quarrelled frequently with his adopted son before moving out of their shared Stirling home in 1992, revealed in a written statement that Thomas had joined a Stirling rifle club at 16. "All

the time I lived with Thomas I never saw him bring guns to the home," he said.

Both Mrs Watt and Mr Hamilton senior mentioned a male friend, a Jim Gillespie, who used to visit Thomas Hamilton's home in Stirling. Mrs Watt did remember him once having a girlfriend, "but she was too serious, and he didn't want to know".



Agnes Watt, mother of Thomas Hamilton, arrives at yesterday's hearing in Stirling

'He complained that members of staff had directed children away from his boys' clubs and would I disabuse them of the idea that he was a pervert'

Ron Taylor, headmaster

'Thomas was always a very calm person, certainly in the house. There were never any moods or tempers. He never showed any violence at home, he never raised his hand to me'

James Hamilton, grandfather

Blair's spiritual guide takes up post near leader's home

Madeleine Bunting
Religious Affairs Editor

PETER Thomson, the Australian vicar and spiritual mentor to Tony Blair, has taken up a job in north London, 10 minutes from the Opposition leader's home.

Mr Thomson says he plans to remain as vicar to St Luke's evangelical church in

Holloway until "after the election" and insists he "wants no role other than friendship".

He had decided to come after repeatedly receiving calls in Australia from London asking about his relationship with Mr Blair. "It just became very exciting. I wanted to be part of it. So I talked to Tony and said that if I came to England I would

want to be what I am, not to work directly in the political arena," Mr Thomson told the New Statesman and Society.

Mr Blair phoned Mr Thomson in Australia to tell him of a job vacancy in Holloway. The two have maintained a close friendship since they met at Oxford in the early seventies. Last Christmas the Blair family holidayed on Mr Thomson's farm in Western

Australia and last summer Mr Thomson stayed in the Blairs' house and met many of the shadow cabinet.

At Oxford Mr Thomson, already ordained and a mature student, introduced the young Tony Blair to a range of philosophers and Christian thinkers. His Christianity was central to Mr Blair's decision to be confirmed as an Anglican.

Social workers may be missing signals of family crisis, says report

James Melkie
Community Affairs Editor

SOcial workers may be contributing to family breakdowns by failing to spot crises in homes where children need help, government inspectors said yesterday.

They expressed serious concerns over low levels of support for families whose cir-

cumstances did not merit formal child protection measures or young people being taken into care.

The inspectors said many staff who first assessed children were insufficiently experienced and sometimes fell into demarcation disputes with those who might provide the support families needed.

Only one of eight local authorities visited by the Social

Services Inspectorate between 1993 and 1995 was consistently able to help families with the aim of preventing a more serious and costly intervention later.

The report did not say which this was among Solihull, West Midlands, Harrow and Ealing, in London, Lancashire, South Tyneside, Warwickshire, Birmingham and Essex.

The quality of service varied widely and in a few cases was "rather poor".

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Austria and Germany prepared for vote to resume beef derivatives trade • Ministers in tight corner defending trawlers

Hopes rise for end to byproducts ban

Stephen Bates in Brussels

THERE were signs in Brussels last night that Britain may get its way more easily than it previously hoped in securing the lifting of the beef byproducts ban.

Germany and Austria — previously the most implacable opponents — were said to be moving towards accepting a resumption of the export trade in tallow, gelatine and season at next week's meeting of agriculture ministers in Luxembourg.

The move is likely to come despite rather than because of Britain's high-profile confrontation with the European Union, with member states prepared to lift the derivatives ban but not yet to discuss a framework for lifting the broader ban on British beef.

It remains touch and go whether an agreement on the steps Britain needs to take to get the ban lifted will be agreed in advance of the Florence heads of government summit in a month's time, which John Major has threatened to disrupt if the lifting of the ban is not then in sight.

A diplomat representing Italy, which is chairing ministerial meetings, said: "The present situation is more favourable towards a partial lifting of the ban than it was before."

A charm offensive will be launched around European capitals next week, headed by Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, to persuade governments of the strength of the British case.

A commission spokesman said: "To get a majority may

VETERINARY officers of 117 countries issued a new code to cover the handling of herds in lands where BSE, mad cow disease, was present, after a meeting of the Office International des Epizooties in Paris yesterday, writes Tim Radford.

The officers agreed it was safe to export cattle and beef if the animal was born after the date when bans on feed containing animal meat and bone meal were "effectively respected", or where the animal came from a BSE-free herd and had never been fed the meat and bone meal.

The organisation insists on an absolute export ban on suspect organs from cattle carcasses, and strict surveillance, monitoring and enforcement.

The British Veterinary Association said it would urge the document on the Government and the EC.

still prove difficult but we are hoping more countries will come on board. We are worried that we may lose some because of Britain's policy of non-co-operation."

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who starts in Bonn by meeting chancellor Helmut Kohl, will be Mr Hogg, David Davis, the Europe minister, and Tony Baldry, the fisheries minister. The Foreign Secretary will meet Jacques Santer, the commission president, in Brussels on Tuesday.

It was being said that Wednesday's unusually outspoken statement criticising Britain by Mr Santer was primarily aimed at reassuring other member states that the commission was not bending too far over backwards to help Britain.

The statement, warning that Britain's policy was holding the EU hostage and counter-productive, nevertheless provoked annoyance from Sir Leon Brittan and Neil Kinnock, the two British commissioners, because of the harshness of its language.

Neither were given a chance to approve it in advance of publication.

A British source said: "This is how wars start, when you escalate the language it is difficult to cool things down again. We believe that the main audience for the statement was not in the UK but east and south of Brussels."

Despite the non-co-operation policy, Britain yesterday complied with the commission's demand for information about the results of tests on baby milk powder, while continuing to refuse to name the companies whose products might contain higher levels of chemicals.



A French fisherman in Lochinver, north-west Scotland, examines a part of his catch unlikely to end up in a fish and chip shop. PHOTOGRAPH: JOHN PAUL

Fishermen blame Brussels as net losses threaten thousands of jobs

James Melkie on the decline of Britain's fleet and the stormy waters ahead

BITAIN'S fishermen blame Brussels for putting them out of work by imposing quotas on catches, forcing the decommissioning of boats and failing to stop foreign "quota hoppers".

The latest flare-up — over quotas and fleets — has stirred Eurosceptics and again put ministers into a tight spot by having them fight for Britain's ports and coastal communities while recognising the desperate state of fish stocks, in some parts of Britain, up to three jobs on land depend on every job at sea.

The value of fish and shellfish landed by home boats in UK ports has fallen by nearly half since 1973, when the total was £123 million, more than £283 million at 1994 prices. The 1994 figure was \$454.5 million. Another £100 million was landed abroad, but Britain is a net importer of fresh or frozen fish.

The number of fishermen in England and Wales fell from 29,000 in 1968 to 16,400 in 1990 and 11,000 in 1994. The

UK total fell from 23,475 to about 20,750 in the 20 years to the end of 1994.

The fish processing industry employs 20,000 people, and there may be thousands of chandling, supply and maintenance jobs as well. There are 3,000 fishmongers, employing 7,000 people, in addition to the supermarkets that sell more than half the fish in Britain.

The "cod war" with Iceland in the mid-70s led to a massive fall in the value of cod catches — today's £68 million is a sixth of the 1973 value.

By 1980, rising imports drew demands by fishermen for controls. Later, scientists warned of impending environmental catastrophe unless catches were curtailed and the EU started to step up its attempts to reduce the sizes and distribution of all catches.

But EU fishing subsidies increased from £82 million to £379 million between 1983 and 1990 — with 20 per cent going into larger boats.

More recently, the Government implemented a £25 million

Shrinking industry

UK fishing industry

Size of fleet	6,569 Active	1973
	10,287 Registered	1995
Number of fishermen	22,476	

Most valuable fish, 1994 prices, £m

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Haddock	61.0
Monk fish	34.3
Whiting	29.2
Mackerel	21.2

decommissioning scheme to reduce the size of the fleet. British boats are traditionally small — only a third of registered boats are more than 10 metres long, and far from all of the 10,300 vessels are active.

By contrast many European trawlers are factory vessels. The fisheries minister Tony Baldry claims up to 150 "quota hoppers" (mainly Spanish or Dutch owned ships, representing up to a fifth of large boats on the UK register), are taking nearly half the UK catch of hake and plaice, and between a fifth and a third of some other species.

"It's very easy for the Spanish to meet their targets because a significant part of their fleet is fishing against our quota, masquerading as UK boats," he said on Radio 4 yesterday.

Meanwhile, a Tory MEP was demanding that Britain could co-operate in cutting the number of boats, James Provan, the MEP for South Down West, said: "It is irresponsible to avoid facing the core problem of overfishing. We can no longer afford to expand our fishing fleet and ignore the crisis facing European fish stocks."

Scots port welcomes Europeans

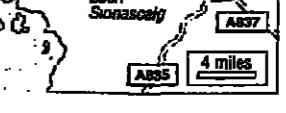
Peter Hetherington sees Spanish and French boats add a new dimension to fishing

FOR the European it must seem a nightmare — a large fishing port full of French and Spanish boats, with Germans, Faroese and a host of other nations popping in.

As fishermen fumed yesterday over planned European Union cuts in Britain's fleet, Basque and Breton vessels were happily landing at Lochinver, in north-west Scotland.

What began four years ago as a seemingly harmless exercise by the French to exploit deep water fish unknown to the British palate — such as saure orange roughly and grenadier — has developed into a trade which could threaten the survival of Scottish fishing, according to one industry leader.

Five large French trawlers, originally from Lorient, Brittany, are based at Lochinver, while a Spanish company has also established a presence. Catches go several times a



week on French, Spanish and British lorries to Brittany, the Basque country and beyond. Even Scottish trawlers sell direct to Europe.

While locals have been largely indifferent, the leader of Scotland's fishermen warned that his members may be missing a golden opportunity by ignoring deep water fish — caught at depths of up to 1,000 metres — which could be a lifeline for the British fleet.

"When Europe gets round to dividing up the catches, they'll go on the track records of individual nations — and if we aren't catching much of the fish we'll get next to nothing in any shareout," said Bob Allen of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation. "We've got to wake up."

These fish, unlike more common species, are unregulated by the EU.

At Brescot, the French company in Lochinver, a manager said the Breton crews — 16 to a vessel — were happy to come to Scotland. "We've never had any problems... quite at home they are. Call it the 'wild alliance' if you like, but people seem to be getting used to our fish. I've even heard it was on the menu of one chip shop in Aberdeen."

Neil Gudgeon, the harbourmaster, who helped set up Brescot, has encountered only one problem so far — a blockade by 20 Scottish boats outside the harbour three years ago. Scots fishermen were protesting about being kept in port by quota restrictions while European boats could continue trawling. Tension ran high for a while.

"But there are financial benefits for the local community," insisted Mr Gudgeon. "The French employ 10 people full time, and others part time, and the crews spend a lot of money."

Some locals have been incensed by what they claim were "hidden" subsidies from Highland council to encourage European vessels to set up in Lochinver. But the local councillor, Francis Keith, has strongly defended the French.

"They land four times as much as the local boats put together — horrible stuff with massive eyes and flattened bodies. They have revived the place."

While the French concentrate on deep water fish, the Spanish prefer other species. At this time of year they are catching hake, as part of their EU quota, off Lochinver.

"It's not a fish the British seem to like," said their agent, Fiona Gudgeon. "The Spanish crews like it up here. ... They're treated like anyone else and are constantly surprised how open people are — not like in the south."

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Result a bitter blow for Leah Rabin

Jessica Berry in Hebron and John Bartlett in Jerusalem

"Sorry, dear friend. We did all we could," read one of the notes of apology left yesterday on Yitzhak Rabin's grave at Mount Herzl cemetery in Jerusalem, where dozens of mourners remembered the assassinated Labour prime minister in light of the expected election victory for Benjamin Netanyahu.

"I don't want to serve in the army for that kind of people," said one visitor, Tomer Karuchi, aged 17, who is due to start his military service. "This means I would serve in an army going for war and not for peace."

Mr Rabin's widow, Leah, expressed despondency at Mr Netanyahu's poll showing. "All I can do is look at when I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing from here very quickly. It's that bad," she told Israeli television.

After her husband was killed last November by a Jew opposed to his peace policies, Mrs Rabin blamed Mr Netanyahu for what she called an atmosphere of hate.

"If any mistake was made in the election campaign, it was that [the Labour Party] did not exploit this terrible murder fully," Mrs Rabin said.

At the site of Rabin's assassination in Tel Aviv, some supporters lay red and white wreaths at the foot of the stairs where he was shot. "Rabin was killed on November 4 - Peace was killed on May 29," read one sign.

But Mr Netanyahu's supporters were confident he could bring them both peace and security - a formula that eluded Mr Peres. "Let's hope he has the ability to heal these wounds," said Melvin Polk, a retired doctor. "This is a divided country - 50 per cent one way and 50 per cent the other."

The Likud leader is refraining from speaking until final results are released, but a spokesman said Mr Netanyahu had "a deep commitment to continuing a process of peace, peace with security, be-

tween Israel and all its neighbours, including the Palestinians".

In Hebron on the West Bank, most Arabs said yesterday that they had expected a Netanyahu victory - and they fear for their future. But several said it might not have been very different if the Labour Party had won.

"The policies of Likud and Labour are two sides of the same coin," said Mahmoud Mohammed, who used to work in a Jerusalem restaurant until the Labour government imposed a ban on most workers from the occupied territories. He was convinced that Mr Netanyahu would continue the peace process.

A leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Abdel Alim Dana, said he believed Mr Netanyahu to be less right-

'All I can do is look at where I keep my suitcases and feel like packing them and disappearing'

than Mr Peres. "Likud", he said, "will be more moderate. It is Likud who made peace with Egypt and withdrew from Sinai." But Mr Dana, who spent 16 years in Israeli jails, warned that a further worsening in the Palestinian economy would deepen the mood of desperation.

One shopkeeper predicted: "If Israel does not go ahead with peace we will discover a new intifada which will be stronger and more fierce... The Palestinians have always lost in war, including the intifada. So this time it will be a real intifada."

A Palestinian intelligence officer said that any intifada would lead to civil war. "The Palestinian Authority will try to prevent an intifada. That means the Palestinians will also have to fight against the Authority. I'm scared and confused," he said. "If there is intifada I will resign, because I do not want to fight the people."

John Bartlett is a correspondent for AP.



Looking up... Supporters rejoice as Israeli television puts Benjamin Netanyahu ahead of the outgoing prime minister, Shimon Peres, yesterday

PHOTOGRAPH: MENAHEM KAHANA

'I will change path to peace'

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

A GOVERNMENT led by Benjamin Netanyahu will look, sound and feel very different from that led by Shimon Peres.

Much as being made, both inside and outside Israel, about the peace process continuing, about rock-steady American support and about the unchanged Israeli commitment, above all else, to their own security. But the resurgent Israeli right has its own priorities, its own goals and its own methods.

In an interview broadcast yesterday by Israel radio, Mr Netanyahu was asked about his first actions, should he become prime minister.

"The first thing that I will do is to change the path towards peace, to change it to a different direction that I believe could bring us a secure peace," he said.

On the Palestinian issue, he would take account of what has already been agreed between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation. But he would "ensure that the Palestinians keep to their obligations". The threat was clear: from now on the Palestinian Authority, under its president Yasser Arafat, will be expected to wage war on those enclaves, as yesterday's broadcasts made clear, as dependencies and not as the foundation for the independent state which the 2 million or more Palestinian inhabitants crave.

"I would offer the Palestinians an opportunity to run just about every aspect of their daily lives, with the exception of security and foreign affairs, that will remain in our hands," he said.

Mr Netanyahu also talked of immediately closing "PLO" offices operating in Jerusalem, and of strengthening Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas.

On the faltering peace talks with Syria, he was equally adamant: the Golan heights, captured in 1967, would remain in Israeli hands. "I think we have to stay in our positions on the Golan heights because they offer us the guarantee that we will not be attacked again."

And Mr Netanyahu is, if anything, on the moderate wing of his own movement. Among his chief lieutenants is Ariel Sharon, the former general who, as defence minister, masterminded Israel's bloody invasion of Lebanon

in 1982. Another, co-opted into a last-minute alliance with Likud, is the former army chief Rafael Eitan, whose rightwing Tzomet party is now well placed to demand a handsome share of the cabinet spoils.

Here lies a rub for the apparently triumphant Mr Netanyahu. None the most popular man in his own notoriously fractious party, he outraged many Likud activists by stitching up a united electoral list with Tzomet, and with the new Geshet party headed by his most bitter rival, the former, foreign minister David Levy.

They demanded and were given some of the choicest places on the list in return for their backing.

Consequently - and also as a result of voters turning

away from the big established parties to favour smaller, newer lists - the Likud bloc has been reduced to just 31 parliamentary seats, and 30 of those are equally divided between Tzomet and Geshet.

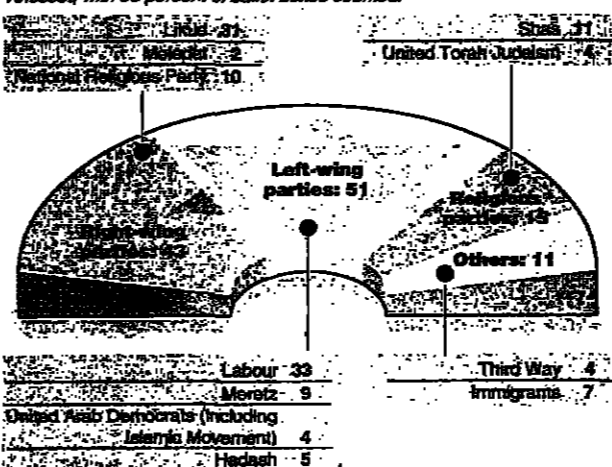
Mr Netanyahu clearly has some heavy coalition building to do. On the face of it, he can pick and choose his allies from a range of centre-right and religious party options.

But all these disparate elements would demand their share of the spoils of office - shares which would have to be denied to the diminished and disgruntled Likudists, who may have served as the minister but seem increasingly to have lost the government.

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The fourteenth Knesset

Breakdown of seats by party in Israel's 120-member parliament or Knesset, with 98 percent of ballot boxes counted.



Rise in support for religious right stuns party chiefs

Derek Brown in Jerusalem

THE dramatic surge of electoral support for Israel's orthodox Jewish parties almost certainly owes less to religious fervour than to the radically new notion of giving voters two choices: one for prime minister and another for the party of their choice.

Having expressed a view on the key issues - security and the peace process - in the first ballot, voters were free to make a second choice on grounds of ideology, community and faith.

The system allowed the religious parties to broaden their base from the core of ultra-orthodox Jews; the black-clad *haredi* who conduct their lives and politics strictly according to the Torah.

Between them the three religious parties won 24 seats in the 120-member parliament - a performance which has astonished even their leaders.

"We thought we would get up to eight or nine. We did not think we would get 10," said Yitzhak Levy, number three on the list of the National Religious Party.

Yesterday Mr Levy sought to allay fears about religious influence in government. "We will want to influence Jewish values more and influence Jewish education more... But God forbid, no one should think that there will be a wave of religious coercion."

That suit another resurgent Jewish party, Shas. During the campaign, its most prominent leader, Aryeh Deri, had been derided for his boast that the party would win a couple of extra seats. In fact, it has gone from six to 10.

The smallest of the three religious parties is Yahadut Hatorah, with four seats. It wanted to join the Rabin coalition but not to share power with the secular Shalomit Aloni, then leader of Labour's leftwing partner, Meretz.

Foreign leaders force smiles

Ian Black Diplomatic Editor

ARAB and western governments reacted awfully to the apparent Likud victory, hoping publicly that Benjamin Netanyahu will continue the peace process, and worrying privately that he will slow it down or destroy it.

In Europe and the United States, ministers and officials put on brave faces but all had wanted a Labour government. They are now resigned to a different pace and a more obdurate style under a new rightwing coalition.

"Our policy will remain the same," President Clinton said. "Whatever the result, the United States will continue its support for the people of Israel, for the democratic process there and for the process of peace."

The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, who had the biggest personal stake in a Shimon Peres victory, made no comment yesterday and banned his officials from giving their reactions.

Many governments had argued before Wednesday's poll that what had been achieved since the Oslo agreement with the Palestine Liberation Organisation in 1993 was irreversible and that the Likud leader would have to acknowledge that.

The fact that Mr Netanyahu, who was in favour of a harder position, has won, does not substantially change things," said the Spanish foreign minister, Abel Matutes.

In Britain, the Foreign Office made no comment, saying it was waiting for the final result.

The Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, said before the result: "I don't know this Netanyahu and I haven't dealt with him but I know Peres well. I will deal with the next prime minister... to the extent to which he shows flexibility."

Mr Netanyahu has said he will expand Jewish settlements in the West Bank, further delay the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Palestinian areas of Hebron, and refuse to discuss Jerusalem in final status talks. He has also vowed not to return the Golan heights to Syria.

The Syrian government made no formal comment though it had vacillated before the election, claiming both that there was no difference between Labour and Likud and that if Mr Netanyahu won "it would destroy all chances of peace."

Syria's foreign minister, Farouk al-Shara, said on Monday that Mr Netanyahu's vow never to return the Golan heights was a call for war.

Jordan's al-Rai newspaper said that what mattered was the next Israeli government's attitude to talks. "What we care about in any new government is its commitment to pursuing peace on the Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian tracks to take the region into a state of peace."

In Iran, which is ideologically opposed to the peace process, Tehran radio said in a commentary: "Based on the election results, it appears that the Zionist regime will tend to increase its demands in the process of compromise. This will cause new problems for the process on which America and the compromisers had set their hopes."

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Ecstasy, to coin a phrase, is the worst book yet from a writer who has been going from weakness to weakness ever since *Trainspotting* began its roll in 1993. Composed of three mid-length tales, it has neither the forgiving variety of a short story collection nor the potential for complexity opened up by the full length novel form.

Jenny Turner, *Review* page 7

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Diary
Matthew Norman

IN THIS quest for the country's most amusing public-relations office, a new contender comes forward. It is British Energy. The nuclear power stations company has launched a share offer, and to this end a slickly produced "fact sheet" has arrived. Would-be investors concerned about nuclear waste will find much to assuage their fears. "In common with other organisations, such as hospitals, which produce radioactive waste, the radioactive discharges by the nuclear industry are strictly regulated," it says. So a hospital and a nuclear plant produce similar amounts of similarly radioactive material, do they? How comforting. What gives British Energy such a great chance of winning the 1996 title, however, is this: "The process of producing electricity from nuclear power is broadly similar to other types of power stations, such as coal, oil or gas," we are told, "except in respect of the source of heat." Utterly magnificent.

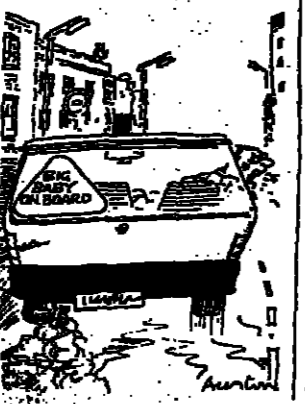
TROUBLE breaks out in Cambridge over the forthcoming Tripos exams, for which there has been an announcement to begin. Worried that students, unaware of this curiosity, might lose time waiting in vain for an instruction, the history faculty has asked the board of examinations to change the rule. Twice, however, the board's chairman has written to Boyd Hilton, history director of studies, refusing the request. For one thing, he says, examiners might forget to tell the students, and for another, "a hurried announcement might cause nervous examiners to panic." The sweetness.

An emendation has been spotted in the London Evening Standard, in whose edition yesterday drama critic Nicholas de Jongh (reviewing the musical Dames At Sea) wrote: "Jason Gardiner's Dick leaves me quite unimpressed." Later, though, it was "Jason Gardiner, the role of Dick..." What a lot of fuss to make about a little thing like that.

THE mystery of the Portland Thistle hotel in Manchester, which barred two friends of the Diary from coming in for a coffee at 11.30pm under the Fire Protection Act (1971), deepens. Thistle press officer Julia Record rings a senior executive and accuses the Diary of being "drunk and abusive". Touchingly, she trots out the phrase "off the record" as though this were some protection against the writs for libel and slander (to be painted the Gazza of the Guardian? The shame, the shame!) I may have to discuss with my old friend Peter Carter Rock next week. Perhaps exhausted by her masterstroke, Miss Record declines to discuss the matter further. Ah well, it's early days. The search for an explanation goes on.

BROWNING through What It's Like Being Famous, the penultimate chapter in Major, Major, I note that when in Manchester to appear on the Mrs Merton Show, Terry Major-Ball stayed at the "prestigious Albert and Victoria Hotel". Terry, popping in for a nice cup of tea, reports that things have quietened after a frenzied few weeks: last Thursday, for instance, he got to bed at 5am after partying at his friend Peter Stringfellow's club, and then sat the Claremont Club with Dal Llewellyn. That evening, meanwhile, the book's launch party took place at a West End gallery. The Beverley Sisters were there (yes, all three of them), and so was Beryl Butcheridge. "She's a very nice lady," says Terry, "and so are the Beverleys." And upon this note of typical Terry civility, we say our farewells.

DESPITE the do-nothing disciplinary instincts of Terry Venables and the FA, Paul Gascoigne has not escaped punishment for his airborne vandalism after all. "If he comes in, I'll have to ask him to leave," says Brian, landlord of the Guardian pub, the Coach And Horses. "We don't want his type in here. I'm sorry, but he's barred."



ER — a big event on the small screen

Commentary Peter Preston

WHEN something, for a few weeks or a few months, goes unassailably right, when the buzz of creativity is with it, when you know you're watching the state of a particular art — their collaboration. Which is the reason for writing about ER.

Thus, gradually, television criticism ceased to be much about your average engaged viewer sitting in front of a set through the evening and more, far more, about what the firms supplied for an article which could be delivered the previous afternoon and run, without change, through all editions. This switch was mostly pure gain. It avoided tricky page changes in the middle of the night and presses stopped with a spurious precision to avoid readers in Kent and Chester getting the same review on two successive mornings. But it also removed some of the random actuality from writing about TV. The critics were less and less there through the evening in question, reacting as things went wrong and one show bounced unexpectedly off another. Criticism, for daily papers, became rather a simulated and pre-selected experience.

Bochoo is a restless, vibrant innovator. He's had his flops — he made Doggie Howser MD. But he followed Hill Street Blues with LA Law, then NYPD, then Murder One. His ideas and his stories worked; and he gathered around him directors and writers of total class. There is a School of Bochoo which follows him from American channel to channel and which no other team in the world has been able to replicate.

and Steven Spielberg (from the Jurassic Park academy) had simply ripped off and courted a winning formula. But such unworthy thoughts. One of the 10 top-selling paperbacks in Britain this week is Behind The Scenes At ER, a stolid patrol over the show from genesis to triumph. Crichton wrote the pilot episode 20 years ago, before Bochoo, and forgot about it in unproduced frustration. The idea of taking over a hospital emergency room through 20 hours and following all its necessarily transitional dramas was his idea — resuscitated when Spielberg found the buried script. What the second series has done is turn this into something unrelentingly memorable.

operations. The incomprehensible — but totally accurate — deployment of medical terminology. But its greatest virtues are more mundane. It has some terrific performances and it exudes an unremitting energy. Twice already this year — once when Ross rescued a boy from a storm drain, once when Greene found himself coping alone with a night of tragedies piled one on another — you have switched off, exhausted at the end and found people in the office the next day equally traumatised.

The hawk strikes

David Horowitz argues that Israel has now made a fear-filled mistake

A LITTLE after midnight on Wednesday, Shimon Peres dragged himself away from his television, told relatives and friends he hoped the encouraging early results would show that he had won the Israeli elections, and went off to bed. When he awoke a few hours after, it was to a different Israel.

Less than 200 days after a Jewish extremist had gunned down his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin, spurring unprecedented national mourning and unprecedented support for Rabin's peace accords with the Palestinians, Israeli voters have repudiated Rabin's legacy. While Benjamin Netanyahu's advantage may be slender, his majority among Jewish voters is decisive — a clear 10 per cent. That the vote was close at all reflects the high turnout among Israel's Arab voters, desperate to save the country from itself.

Netanyahu succeeded because he played on Israel's fears, and because Peres failed convincingly to alleviate them. The Likud leader knew he could never win an election by staying loyal, even implying that he intended to halt the land-for-peace accords with the Palestinians. (Most Israelis recognise those accords as a reasonable basis for reconciliation.) So he instead pursued the idyllic formula of "peace with security".

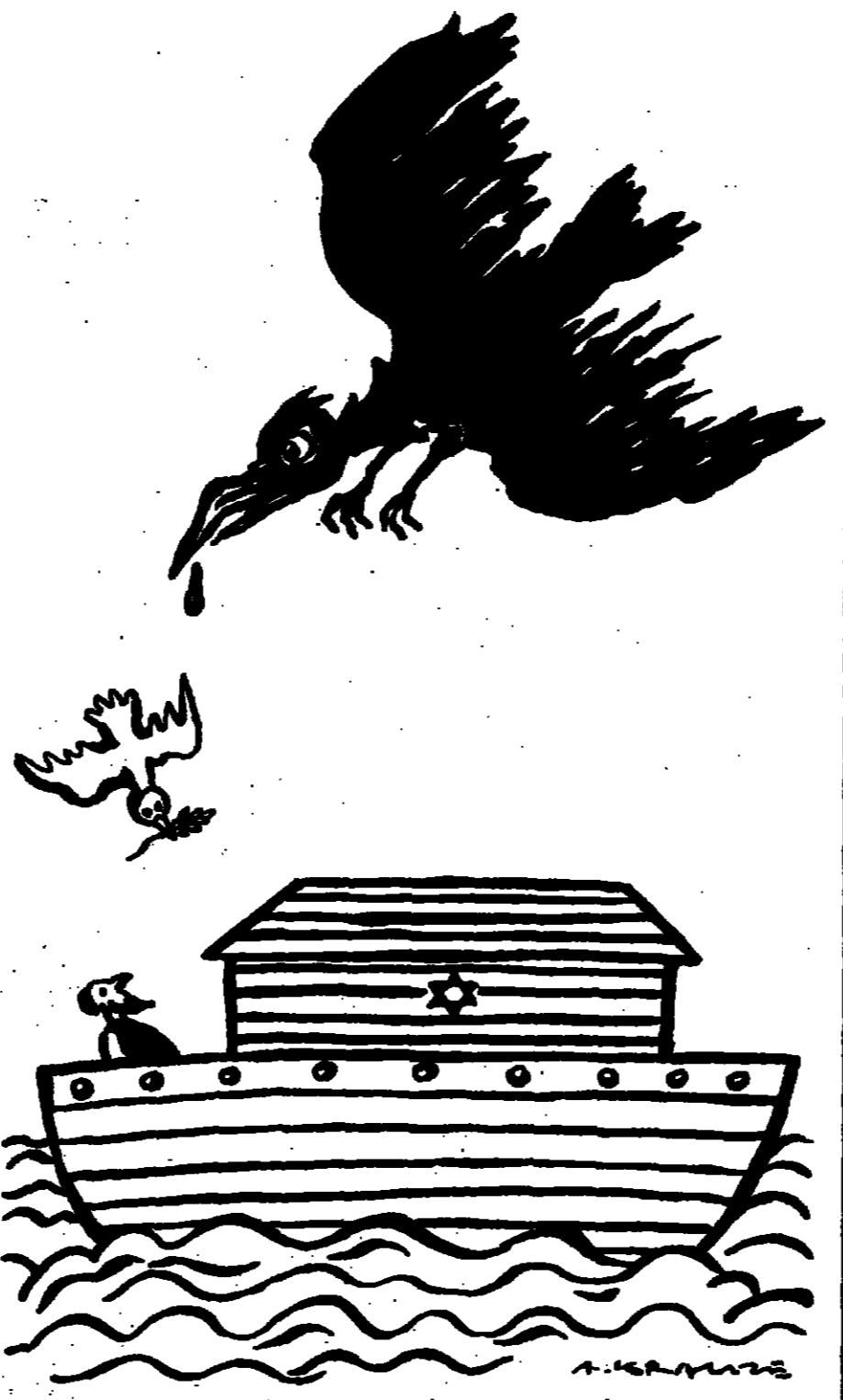
With almost all the votes in most potent asset, even in death, but was featured at length in Labour's last campaign advertisements only on Monday night, by which time most of the centrists who helped Rabin to victory in 1992 had flocked back to Likud territory, won over by Netanyahu's stunningly calculated performance against an under-prepared Peres in Sunday's only TV debate.

on to the trail, campaign organisers preoccupied with their own internal rivalries, and a candidate who was simply unelectable. Where else in the world could a major party leader, having failed on four separate occasions to win an outright majority in general elections, have been granted a fifth opportunity, as Peres was here? And who else but Peres could have been guilty of such tragic overconfidence, selling serenely above the political fray with the air of an elderly Communist dictator distinguished to boot with the dirty work of electioneering?

campaigning, converting voters one by one with a hand-shake and two seconds of extra-sincere eye contact?

W HILE Netanyahu brought in a US advertising guru to devise a few campaign slogans ("Peres will divide Jerusalem"; "There's no peace, no security, no reason to vote for Peres"; "Netanyahu, making a secure peace"), Labour sent their American experts back across the Atlantic, telling them they wanted to keep the campaign as dull as possible — for fear of alienating wavering voters.

Did "keeping it dull" have to extend to all but excluding Rabin's image from the campaign? He was the party's



Moi? I shall be the Bel of the European ball



Bel Littlejohn

EUROPE? Count me in. I'm all yours, Delors. You see, whatever the xenophobic fat-cats of the Tory right would have us believe — not to mention the middle-class males on Murdoch's Sun — I'm just one of many millions of Brits who considers herself first and foremost a European.

sense of humour. Like all French bears, Flo is a teeny-weeny bit arrogant, with poor skin under all that make-up and precious little common sense. She is often given to exchanging high-falutin' talk about philosophy and ideas in roadside cafes with her pretentious pal Albert Camel. But watch out Albert and Flo — here comes trouble! It arrives in the shape of the German creatures Adolf Elppo and his best friend Joseph Gerbil, both of them determined to take over the café and force everyone to speak German. Albert and Flo give in straight away, as you'd expect, so now it's up to our very own Winston Chippmunk to rescue them — with hilarious results!

And with deeper European integration comes incredible benefits. Barbara Follett told me when I weekendend with her in Stenage last week that thanks to the EU you can now get decent paw-paw in her constituency. And, believe me, Barbara has been worried sick about the condition of the paw-paw in her constituency for a good many months now. Labour are all convinced (perdon the pun) that the only way ahead for Britain is to position ourselves right in the very heart of Europe — so that then we can be perfectly placed to tell our age-old enemies exactly what's what.

Some argue that he will prove more pragmatic than he has seemed, and that his ideology, and driven by personal ambition. This hardly squares with his fierce revisionist upbringing, or with his repeated promises, once in office, to renew government funding for West Bank settlements. He will, it would be a far bloodier affair than his previous incarnation, because the Palestinians now have thousands of armed policemen to place on the front line.

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Sidney Greenbaum

Grammarian's ear for real English

PROFESSOR Sidney Greenbaum, the eminent grammarian... has died aged 65. Although officially retired, Greenbaum had recently reached a peak of his career as a specialist on the modern English language...

American English, Canadian English, Caribbean English, and many others. ICE represents not only countries where English is mainly the native language, but other regions where 'new Englishes' are emerging...

English. The basis for this innovation was above all the study of English 'as she spoke' — the real contemporary language, as observed through written and spoken evidence...



Greenbaum... his work brought a rare celebrity

achieved a firm and enduring friendship, despite many heated arguments on the status of adverbials or the classification of appositional noun phrases...

as director of the Survey of English Usage, and Visiting Professor at University College, London. His last 10 years were the most productive...

be faithful to observed usage, and the educated need to advise the native speaker on matters of 'good and bad grammar'...



Jeremy Sinden as a dandified Toad. Motoring is my destiny... Sinden as a dandified Toad

Jeremy Sinden Droll master of the absurd

JEREMY Sinden, who has died of cancer aged 45, was an actor of extraordinary comic talent. As the son of Donald and Diana Sinden, he was bred into the business...

quently when crushed by Daniel Massey's suavely ironic General Burgoyne, he acquired the essence of a suddenly pricked balloon...

an anonymous milk-bar was changed to 'The Poor Cow.' He turned out to be dead right...

comedy, he established his own particular style based on easily deflated aristocratic severity. As proof of his independence, he and his actress-wife Delia Lindsay formed a touring company which in 1969 brought Wilde's *An Ideal Husband* into the West End...

Jackdaw Finish your thesis. View your eventual fate if you continue down this path. 1. Forgive me, Father for I have sinned...

Sins confessed I. FORGIVE me, Father for I have sinned. It has been infinite days since my last confession...

Agg skin AS WELL as being the ideal place for a chick to start life, an egg may be a great place for nurturing skin grafts...

Alan McGregor and his colleagues in the Department of Plastic Surgery at the University of Wales, Swansea, have slipped scraps of skin between the shell and internal membranes of hen's eggs...

Many other birds lay seasonally rather than all year round, and their eggs are much more expensive. Surgeons hatching a better skin graft in the New Scientist.

Able seamen, captains, stokers, Tax-inspectors, traders, brokers, Freshers, canons, rural deans, Bandy cowboys fed on beans, Civil-servants, politicians, Taxidermists and morticians, I like them young, I like them old, Like them hot, I like them cold, Yet, I'm no tart, no easy lay...

My name is Death. We'll meet one day. Poem by Fiona Pitt-Kethley, winner of the Larthill Green Farm Grand Poetry Prize in the Literary Review. The challenge was to write a reasonably sympathetic poem on the subject of Nymphomania.

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Lord Margadale Blood sports and politics

THE DEATH of John Morrison (Lord Margadale), the former chairman of the Tory party's 1922 committee at the age of 89, severs the last link between gentlemen within what was once the Gentlemen's party...

family fortune continued to expand steadily. He was politically quite shrewd; he was one of the first to spot Margaret Thatcher as a future party leader, a compliment paid by one ex-shopkeeper to another's daughter...

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Gents' gent... Major Morrison at a Foxhound Show in 1957

point of homage for post-war Tory prime ministers. The last time Margadale spoke in the House of Lords, he opened with the immortal words: 'I should first of all like to congratulate my cousin, Lord Granville. We had the same grandfather who was a Liberal Foreign Secretary to Mr Gladstone...

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Racing

Carson ban lifted by Irish stewards

Ron Cox

WILLIE Carson is free to ride Bint Salsabil in next Friday's Vodafone Oaks after yesterday's suspension...



Carson... fair hearing

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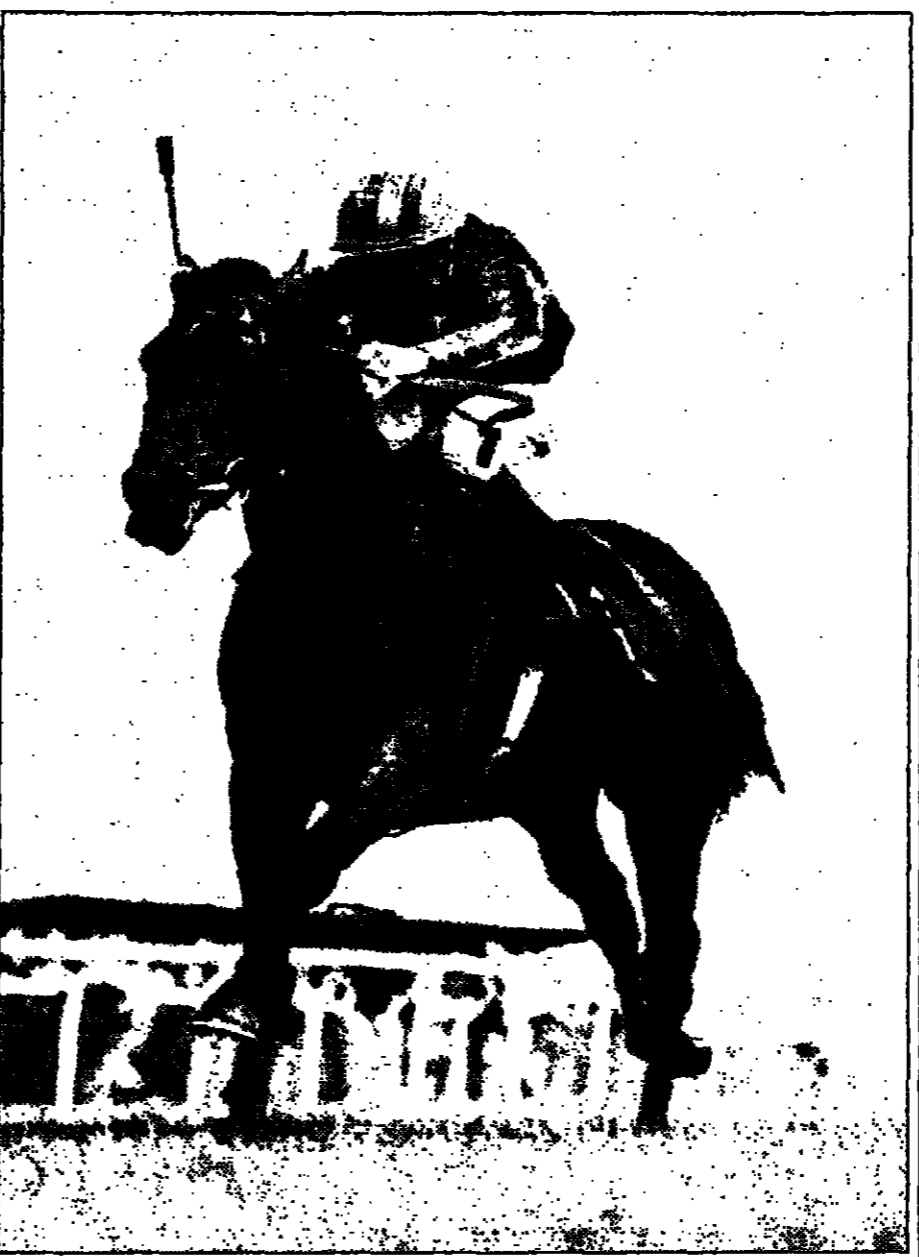
Dr Walter Halley, the Turf Club medical officer, reported Carson for wearing the unapproved helmet...

Carson was represented by the Naas-based solicitor Andrew Connan...

As Carson got the go-ahead for the Oaks, a significant threat to his mount Bint Salsabil receded yesterday...

Roland de Longevelle, racing correspondent to Les Eclairageurs, the Irish's part-owner, said: "We have pondered all the options and have concluded that it is probably best to remain in France..."

A million miles from the Classic scene, Catterick provides the best bet at today's five fixtures when Maltema (3.20) makes a quick reappearance...



Derby date... High Baroque takes on the French in Sunday's classic

High Baroque to run in French Derby

HIGH BAROQUE and Don Michelletto have been supplemented for the French Derby at Chantilly on Sunday...

forced defection of one of the leading fanciers, Loup Solitaire, due to back problems...

Le Destin, Don Michelletto, Polaris Flight, Astor Place, Heliopsis, Grape Tree Road, High Baroque, Oliviero, Hoist To Heaven and L'Africain Bieu...

Pipe reaches 2,000 winners

MARTIN PIPE saddled his 2,000th jumping winner when Robert's Toy landed the Eaton Bishop Novice Chase at Hereford last night...

will certainly celebrate tonight. David Bridgewater gave the 7-4 favourite a tremendous ride. It looked as though Lowathwa would win but Robert's Toy responded well to win by seven lengths.

Catterick

Table of race results for Catterick, including race numbers, names, and odds.

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Stratford (N.H.) tonight

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Ayr with form guide

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Table of race results for various tracks, including Brighton, Ayr, and Stratford.

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FRENCH OPEN: RUSEDSKI WILTS IN THE HEAT WHILE RIOS WARMS TO HIS TASK

Greg in losing muddle

Stephen Bierley in Paris

GREG RUSEDSKI, Britain's adopted Canadian, spends much of his time talking about "the big points". His obsession is understandable, for they currently pass him by like soap bubbles in a breeze...

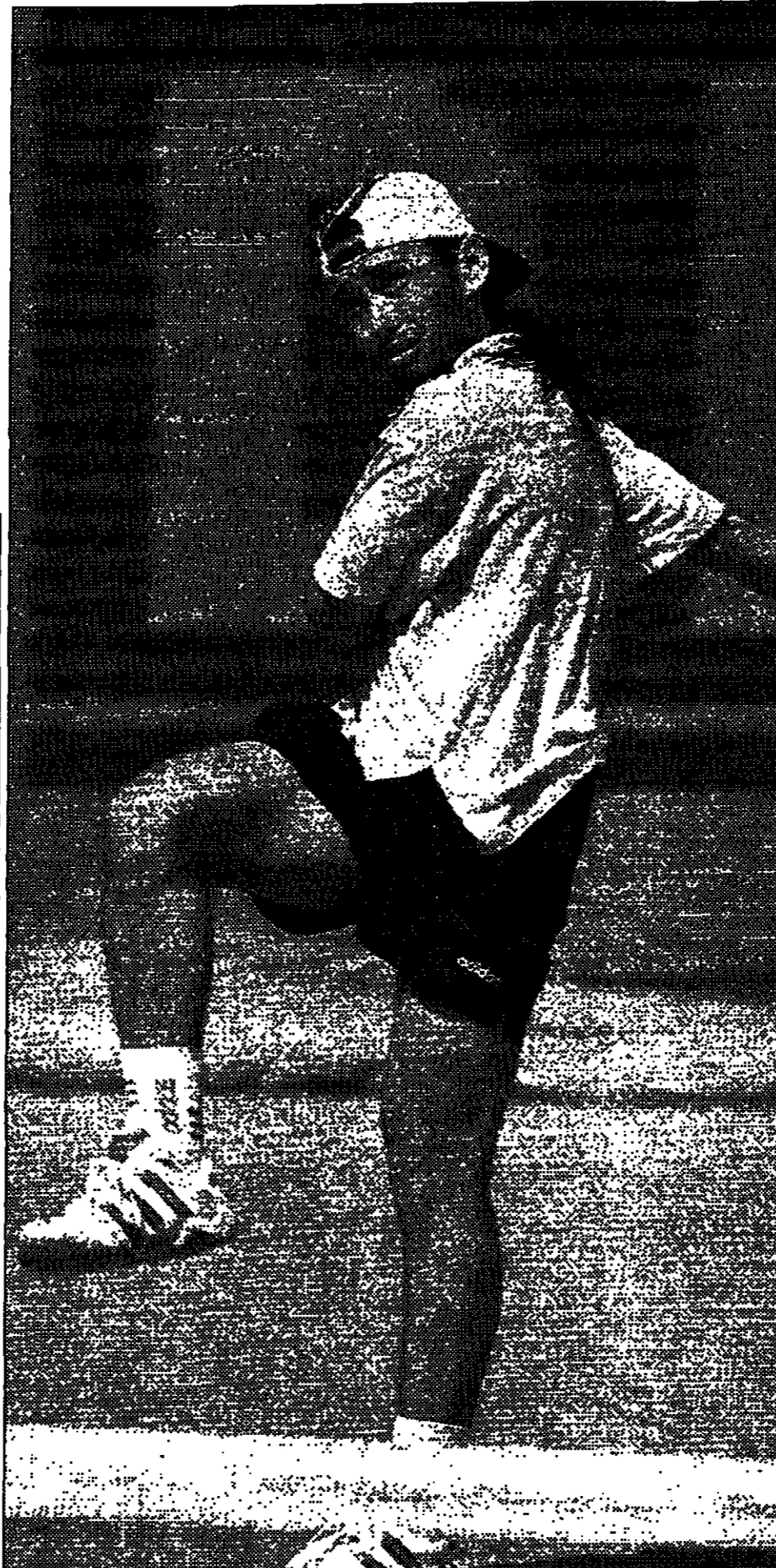
The good, the bad and the not so ugly kid from Chile

Richard Williams at Roland Garros on the 20-year-old Marcelo Rios, probably the next bad-boy superstar of world tennis

WHEN Marcelo Rios heard John McEnroe say that he looked like a girl, he stopped shaving. At the French Open this week, with his dirty-brown skin, his French tennis journalists awarded him their annual Prix Citron for non-cooperation...

Like McEnroe his temper is on a hair-trigger. When the 1993 world junior champion made the tour, he brought along a reputation as a world-class racket abuser

Scuffing his sneakers angrily in the red dust and darting that green-yellow glare across the net, the 20-year-old Chilean was doing nothing to underplay the turbulent character that seduced not just the schoolgirls but the suits of Adidas and IMG...



Knee-high... Rios easing to his straight-sets win over Stoltenberg yesterday TOM JEWONS

Hamburg. At the Italian Open he made the quarter-finals, which he followed by winning the clay-court tournament at St. Pölten. Lundgren sits in the stand with a small yellow-covered notebook, carefully logging each winning or losing shot according to type...

He doesn't talk to many other guys. "He's different. He likes to be on the court, he likes to practise, and he likes to hang out at the club, watching the matches. He doesn't like to be in the hotel room. The Swedish guys, when they're finished practising they'll want to get dressed and go, stay away from the court, Marcelo is very interested in what's going on..."

best when it's a tight match. "His only big problem is inconsistency over the course of a match. He's got most of the strokes, and his game is pretty solid, but he does lose concentration. Well, he's only 20 years old. And he's learning that you can't give points away to a guy like Thomas Muster. He played Muster twice: the first time he played well, the second time he lost his concentration [for] a couple of games and the match was over. So when we practise I tell him to concentrate on every ball, I tell him that Connors and Borg and those guys, even when they were down love-40, they always tried to come back in every game..."

Soccer

League gains Nationwide support

Russell Thomas

THE Football League yesterday put itself under £25.25 million Nationwide protection, only for the building society to find negative vibes already rattling the windows. Even such a solid financial institution as Nationwide, it seems, cannot escape the fallout from the scandal of England's aeroplanes...

tract with Endeleigh Insurance, which expired with the play-off this week. Endeleigh wanted to renew the partnership but it was understood to have found the price too high. The League's bargaining power was strengthened by the recent five-year, £125-million television deal under which more than 60 live games a season will go out on Sky Sports from August. Highlights will be shown on ITV.

FA given seven-day deadline

THE FA has been given seven days to avoid being sued by the National Sporting Club. Steve Hamer, a NSC director, was arrested and imprisoned for three hours on April 30 after a police raid. The NSC was accused of illegally selling 1,300 tickets for Euro 96, but charges were dropped 11 days later.

Hamer says: "The FA and the Met Police have exactly one week to explain themselves or we will seek redress in the courts."

Bitter-sweet in the Orange Bowl

Patrick Glenn sees hope for the Scots despite a 1-0 defeat

FAUSTINO ASPRILLA's remarkable goal for Colombia seven minutes from the end inflicted an undesired defeat on Craig Brown's Scotland squad at Miami's rain-lashed Orange Bowl. It was their third defeat in succession in a series which also embraced Denmark in Copenhagen and the United States in Connecticut, but at last they gave their anxious followers encouraging portents for Euro 96.

player who could be called world-class without a blush. Just revealed that, three days before the match, he had had no chance of playing. "It was all down to our doctor, Stuart Hillis, and our physio Eric Ferguson," he said. "The hip I damaged in the Scottish Cup final meant I hadn't trained for a fortnight, but the massage and the doc's pills got me ready."

Fry is poised to buy Posh



Fry... owner-manager bid

BARRY FRY is poised today to make his latest signing — by taking over Peterborough and becoming owner-manager of the Second Division club. Fry, dismissed by Birmingham three weeks ago, is determined to be master of his own destiny by paying between £750,000 and £1 million to lead a new regime at London Road.

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Results

Soccer

TOULON INTERNATIONAL U-21 TOURNAMENT Group B. Portugal (1) 2-0, Spain (1) 2-0, Netherlands (1) 2-0. Results of various international soccer matches.

Tennis

FRENCH OPEN (Paris). First Round. R. Rusedski (AUS) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; G. Rios (CHI) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; J. McEnroe (USA) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4. Results of tennis matches.

Golf

SENIOR OPEN (Hambury). First round. J. Mackenzie (SCO) 69, J. Mackenzie (SCO) 70, J. Mackenzie (SCO) 71. Results of golf matches.

Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE Chicago 0, Atlanta 2; Philadelphia 2, Los Angeles 3; St. Louis 0, San Francisco 4. Results of baseball matches.

Cycling

GIRO D'ITALIA Stage 18. L. Lantini (ITA) 10:00.1, F. Fontana (ITA) 10:01.1. Results of cycling matches.

Equestrianism

EUROPEAN CUP BRITAIN (Hickstead). New Zealand Trophy 1. Airborne Monarch (M. Roberts, FR) clear 80.46sec. Results of equestrianism matches.

Ice Hockey

NHL Stanley Cup play-offs. Western Conference. Colorado 4, Detroit 1. Results of ice hockey matches.

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Rugby Union

Tigers snap up Dwyer

LEICESTER runners-up in league and cup this year, yesterday confirmed that Bob Dwyer, the man who coached Australia to their World Cup win five years ago, will be taking up a post at Welford Road in July.

with Neil Back's six-month ban for pushing the referee in the cup final. Many of Russ's tasks at Leicester had been taken over by Peter Wheeler, who became the club's chief executive early this year.

Golf

Langer takes a grip on defence

Michael Britten in Hamburg. BERNHARD LANGER may temporarily have lost his consistency but his resilience remains glorious and unimpaired.

or the shaft stiffer," he said. "But once I had realised I got a much better roll on the ball and I had my best putting round for a long time."

Johnson puts her way back to prominence

DAVID HENDERSON in Pinehurst, North Carolina. IRISH JOHNSON would rather have spent the past three years watching her beloved Arsenal than playing golf, but she rediscovered the form of better days with an opening round of 71 yesterday in the US Women's Open Championship at Pine Needles.

three years ago with victories in Las Vegas and Atlanta. She also had 12 top-10 finishes in 15 events.

Cricket

News and Scores

Table with columns for County, Score, and Match details. Includes entries for Derbyshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Lancs, and Leics.



Falling off the edge... Getting plays on to a ball from Yorkshire's seamer Silverwood at Lord's. PHOTOGRAPH: DAN SMITH

Kent v Sussex

Summer brings no relief for Sussex as Kent find young fire

Paul Weaver at Tunbridge Wells. SUMMER finally reminded itself here yesterday, throwing off its drab incognito and stepping out in vivid colours, a little coquettishly, into the English cricket season.

Middlesex v Yorkshire

Ramprakash rises to challenge in style

David Foot at Lord's. MARK Ramprakash's proximity to Test status can at times like this seem tantalising.

boundaries were without exception assertive and technically correct. It was his 30th century, four of them against Yorkshire - including a career-best double at Leeds last summer.

This proved a toss to win on an easy wicket that offered no more than a trace of early menace to help the bowlers.

Yorkshire's resurgent prospects are a matter for elevated hearts at Headingley right now. The academy's graduates are vying for inclusion and Chris Silverwood is said to be the bowler to watch; which Mike Gatting would doubtless confirm, as he

rather haplessly played on to his stumps. Carr and Brown added 57 for the sixth wicket although Brown had a narrow escape when he chased a single and McGrath, at midwicket, hit the stumps. He survived and Middlesex finished on 323 for five.

Scoreboard

Table showing cricket scores for various matches including Kent v Sussex, Middlesex v Yorkshire, and others. Columns include team names, scores, and player statistics.

Worcestershire v Hampshire

Table showing cricket scores for Worcestershire v Hampshire, including player names and scores.

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Cricket

Northamptonshire v Warwickshire

Tempers boil as champions feel the heat

Mike Selvey at Northampton. FOR some seasons now Warwickshire and Northamptonshire have welcomed each other with the sort of bonhomie with which Sassons greeted Viking invaders. Friendly it ain't.

to leave them at an uneasy 34 for two. If it was tough for the players, though, it was tougher for the umpires - particularly Tony Clarkson, in his first year on the list, who must have wondered whether he should have been a librarian instead. His lunch had hardly had time to settle when he warned Pollock - the pages of his Boys' Book of Bowling apparently stuck on B for Bouncer - for unleashing a barrage of short stuff at Mal Loye.

In addition he disallowed, correctly it seemed, two slip catches, both of which he deemed to have come from the batsman's forearm; neither decision in the least impressed Pollock, who wears a big heart on his sleeve.

Later, when Dougie Brown was bowling to Capel, the batsman, he survived and Middlesex finished on 323 for five. Nigel Briers will retire at the end of this season after 25 years with Leicestershire. The opening batsman will become Marlborough College's cricket coach and development officer in September.

Advertisement for Fuggles A Brand New Fold Fashioned Ale. Features a large illustration of a man in a hat and a bottle of beer. Text includes 'Ye olde brewery spring', 'There's probably one somewhere around the Fuggles Brewery. But nobody's found it yet.', and 'Fuggles A Brand New Fold Fashioned Ale'.

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Briton loses way on clay

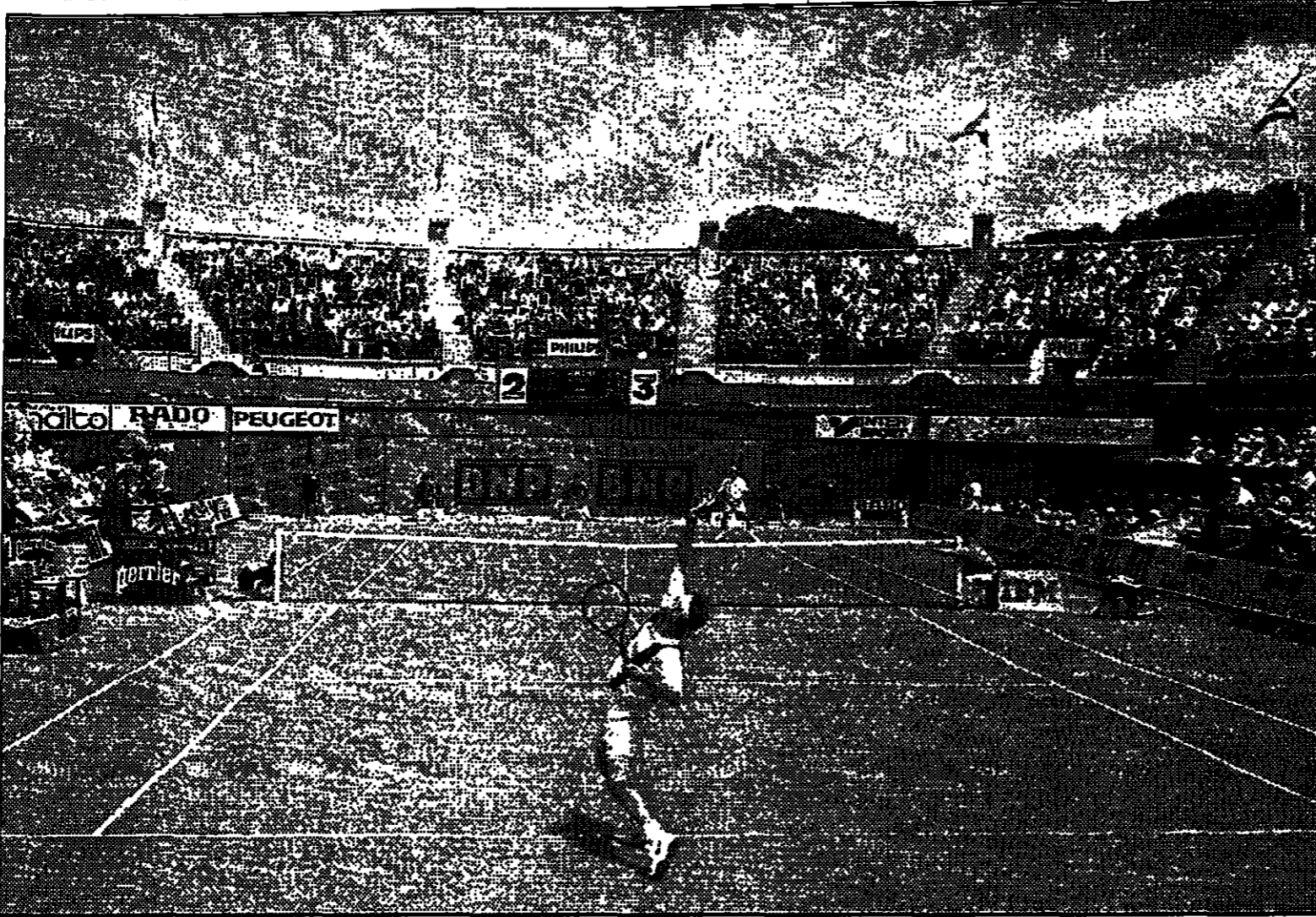
Stephen Bierley in Paris

BRITAIN's remaining hope evaporated in the heat of the French Open yesterday when Greg Rusedski went down in straight sets to Germany's Michael Stich.

"I wasn't aggressive enough," the adopted Canadian admitted after the 6-3, 7-5, 6-3, second-round defeat ended his interest in clay.

For a player so dependent on his serve, the left-hander made a dire start with a double fault on the first point and lost the opening game. Rusedski found the surface unsuited to his serve and volley approach, saying: "I am really looking forward to the grass-court season."

The defending champions eased through with few problems. Thomas Muster crushed the world No. 171, Gerard Solves of France, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0, and Steffi Graf beat Australia's Nicole Pietrangeli 6-2, 6-2.



Worst foot forward... Greg Rusedski dropped his opening serve and the match to Michael Stich in the French Open yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

The national marriages made in hell



Frank Keating

TOMORROW morning Glenn Hoddle will wake up, say his prayers, pour his tea, and officially begin his four-year contract as England's soccer manager. He is keeping a low profile till Terry Venables scarpers at the end of Euro 96 to spend more time with m'learned friends.

Hoddle this week returned from a honeymoon break with Dave Sexton's England Under-21 squad in Toulon. The two coaches had supper together, looking across the blissful peaks high above the old town. I dare say they took bets on how long the Hoddle honeymoon would last.

Thoughts of similar wagers may be going through the mind of the new England cricket coach, David Lloyd. His first days have seemed serenely happy — and not a pot-shot has been aimed yet as his boss Raymond Illingworth continues to wade around, de-fiant and pouting, the sitting ducks' pond. The ICC disciplinary committee has summoned Illingworth to attend on June 12 to answer charges over his misbegotten memoir, and if Lord's is genuinely serious about it surely Illingworth, who is nearly as proud as he's stubborn, will forgo the humiliation of attendance and waddle off into the sunset.

For Hoddle the omens are not good. Nor, one has to say, for Lloyd. Hoddle's four-year contract is longer than the period Venables served before he did the decent thing. It is far longer than Illingworth's stewardship (even if he hangs on to the end of summer). It is more by far than the Great Britain Olympic men's hockey manager could stomach: he resigned this week "for business reasons", 53 days before Atlanta.

What is happening in every one of our grandest team sports? One cannot surely blame the chaos all on the tabloids and the patronising smarm of David Mellor and his "first-time caller, Dave" nincompoops on Radio Five's Six-O-Six.

Hoddle's four years represent twice as many as Jack Rowell has so far served. Yet England's rugby union manager and great big enigmatically smiling gummy-bear is

also, some say, under pressure. What, after only two years which have included one Grand Slam, one Championship and a trip to the World Cup semis? If Hoddle has managed the equivalent by 1998, will "they" be gunning for him? Probably.

As if Twickenham's club-country rugby future hadn't been clouded in convulsed muddle and mischief enough these past six months, there was a splash-certainty in one newspaper this week that had Rowell being ordered with "strict instructions" from an RFU committee next season "to axe" forthwith Dean Richards, Rory Underwood, Jeremy Guscott and, it goes without saying, Will Carling.

I don't believe it. If a committee were autocratically organising Rowell's selection process months before he and his fellow selectors choose their team to play Argentina in late autumn, he would have resigned this week. He is as proud in himself and his record as an Illingworth is cussedly Northern.

At least Hoddle's job — with grateful thanks to Alf Ramsey — has no chance of being commuted. But he should ruminate on how his own suits and blazers can gang up, just as full of malicious intent as the Fleet Street warriors with the pencil stub on their ear.

Hoddle must enjoy the orange blossom of honeymoon. Straggle warm beds won't last long. He is not an outgoing man, but he's a strong one all right. He is deep and stubborn and he's done it all, and more skilfully than any player he will ever select.

LOYD is different. He has done it all in other ways. A county-vog yeoman for years, England opener on and off but an Ashes tour, three summers as an unmissable radio broadcaster, and another three as an umpire. You love cricket with a passion if you pull on the white coat for three years.

The job of England coach demands some after-dinner speaking. Terry was quite sharp. Jack is good. Glenn will be earnestly solemn and his own man, and why not? Lloyd is also himself. Last month, boring do, he at last got to his feet around midnight.

"Thanks, Mr Chairman, we have dined on a beautiful Thermal Lobsterford. What more can I say?"

Beginning — and end — of speech. Everyone went home happy.

It will be a nation-humiliating tragedy if the snarling dogs are let loose on Hoddle and Lloyd. Before the century ends, let's all grow up. No?

British drug cheats Atlanta-bound

Legal threat over state-of-the-art testing may wreck campaign to keep rogue athletes out of Olympics

John Duncan

THE British Olympic Association could be forced to send athletes it knows are drug cheats to the Olympics in Atlanta because it fears that testing procedures using the most up-to-date technology

may be legally challenged in Britain.

The BOA is determined to rid the British team of the small percentage of drug takers it believes are competing under its colours, and it will mount an extensive anti-drugs campaign in the next three weeks with the most sophisticated technology

available. Two hundred tests will be carried out among the 513 British athletes who have been confirmed for Atlanta.

As well as the normal testing at the International Olympic Committee's accredited laboratory at King's College, Chelsea, the samples taken will be analysed by the mass spectrometer at St Thomas's

Hospital, which is similar to a new machine that in July will be used at a Games for the first time.

The machine, which costs £300,000, is the most sophisticated ever seen, and can detect drug use much further in the past than was previously possible. It will be IOC-accredited at Atlanta for the first time, but is being used for "research" around the world in the next month.

Research already carried out has produced startling

results in weightlifting, where the international governing body recently checked a set of old samples. Under the old procedure 11 of the tests proved positive, but that figure rose to 76 using the new machine, according to the secretary of the federation, Tomas Ajam.

However, advisers to the British team admit that even if athletes test positive on the spectrometer at St Thomas's the BOA will not be able to prevent them travelling to Atlanta. The BOA will tell athletes of the results and advise them not to go, but it has been told that it cannot prevent athletes going should they insist on taking their places, because of a possible legal backlash over the relatively new technology involved.

Neither can the BOA warn the IOC of its suspicions, because the IOC is wary of national Olympic committees who recommend athletes for testing.

British governing bodies have already been informed of some of the findings of "research projects" from their sports, but the Sports Council will not disclose them.

Olympic sources say the

new technology could leave Atlanta facing a huge positive-test problem similar to the fiasco before the 1983 Pan-American Games, when new testing technology was introduced and scores of competitors either withdrew without explanation or tested positive.

One British team source privately admits that the drugs arbitration procedure might be in danger of collapse if the weightlifting outcome were repeated in other sports.

The Sports Council has stepped up its drug testing in recent months and announced a record number of positives among British sportsmen and women this year, with the number of failures topping 80 for the first time.

However, the BOA has signalled its determination to avoid the chaos all on the tabloids and the patronising smarm of David Mellor and his "first-time caller, Dave" nincompoops on Radio Five's Six-O-Six.

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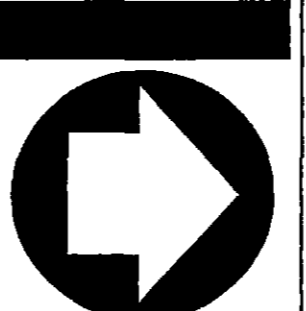
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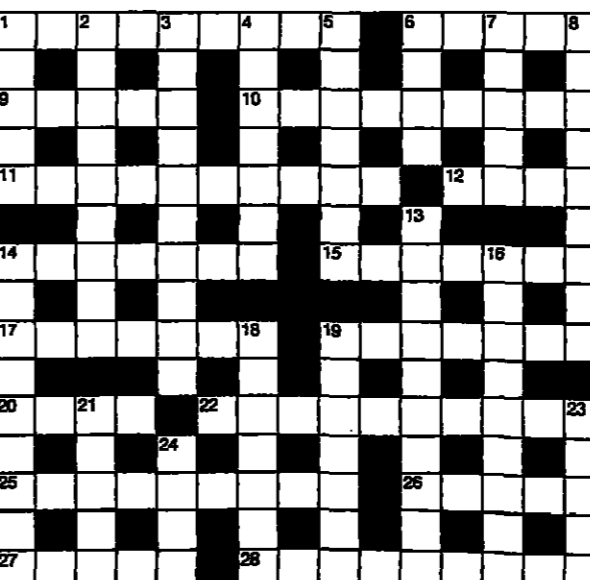
Disney had the technology, we have the carrot-topped cyborg.

Stuart Jeffries

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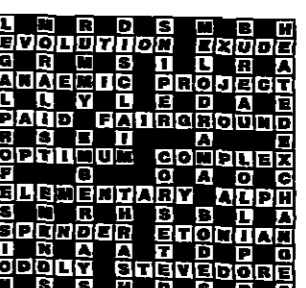


Across

- 1 Cathedral tenor role made difficult (5,4)
- 6 Arty boys reportedly easy to handle (5)
- 9 Go back over by return train (5)
- 10 Board to settle up-country (5-4)
- 11 Honourable directors apparently baffled? (5-5)
- 12 Mineral packed in metal canisters (4)
- 14 Closely investigates way back for servicemen? (7)
- 15 He is against operation on model (7)
- 17 Reinstates some interest or excitement (7)
- 19 Drink given to animal through coarse cloth (7)
- 20 Stone thrown over the French river (4)
- 22 Recall as soldier takes one in silence (10)

Down

- 1 Is she in Standard One? (5)
- 2 Structural features of detective medicines? (9)
- 3 Phrase for indication of musical feeling (10)
- 4 Deeds in bottles (7)
- 5 Measure lawyers proceed to put a ban on (7)
- 6 Support that is found in public relations (4)
- 7 One artist has it turned into a head-dress (5)
- 8 Impropriety of nothing to drink at end of year? (8)
- 13 Resistance at work-place (10)



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- 14 Vicarage attendant embracing crime (9)
- 16 Binding broken net with card first (5)
- 18 Where first lady pretended... (7)
- 19 ... tooth found in coach (7)
- 21 Approximately one round (5)
- 23 Some of them endeavour to improve (5)
- 24 The philosopher of the factory (4)

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